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manpower Municipalities to fork over \$15 per licence plate query City faced with \$10-million revenue hit JEREMY NOLAIS @METRONEWS.CA

Fewer police officers could soon be patrolling Calgary streets as the city works to cover an expected \$10million revenue hit coming courtesy of a new provincial service fee.

The fee was announced part in the provincial budget and will cost municipalities each time they search the provincial electronic licence plate database for information on parking violations, photo radar and red light tickets.

The city's chief financial officer Eric Sawyer said the true impact of the fee only recently became clear. "Actually, we were taken aback by this. The two big areas we get hit are the Calgary Parking Authority and Calgary Police Service."

Chairman's take

Service fee may

impact police

- **Budget** Calgary Police Commission chairman Mike Shaikh said 87 per cent of the police service's \$350-million budget goes toward manpower.
- Cost Service Alberta says the cost of providing registry information systems has risen 164 per cent since 2002.

Ald. John Mar, who sits on the Calgary Police Commission Board, said the biggest fear is that the lost revenue could impact frontline offi-

"Is that a fear that we have? You're damn right it is," Mar said. "Of course, we are going to be fighting this thing tooth and nail."

Commission chair Mike Shaikh said he's been told the service's budget could take a \$3.7-million hit.

"We don't have the budget for it," Shaikh said, adding he is appealing to the province to exempt police from the new serv-

Service Alberta spokesperson Sharon Lopatka said the new fee will help cover rising costs associated with providing registry information systems.

"We just can't continue to absorb the cost," she said.

Mayor Nenshi indicated via Twitter that he had penned a letter to Premier Ed Stelmach to address this situation.

Police dogs awarded

In total, 21 badges were presented yesterday to dogs in the canine unit for the first time in the history of the Calgary Police Service. The ceremony recognizes the canines as members of the police force.

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Calgary water earns top grade

Calgary's water has received top marks, according to the 2010 Water Quality Report released yesterday.

"Calgary's water consistently meets, or is better than, all provincial and federal health-related guidelines," says Edith Phillips of Water Resources in a release. Last year, roughly 112,000 tests were conducted in various areas of water quality, testing everything from water hardness to pesticides to microbiological organisms. A copy of the 2010 Water Quality report will be distributed to Calgarians in the April Enmax bill. ♠ METRO

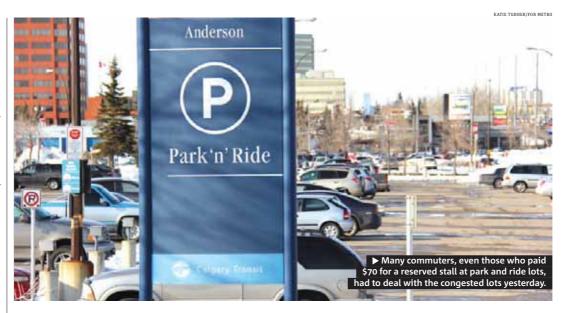
Send war criminal to Spain, says group

An Ottawa-based justice group says Canada should extradite an accused Guatemalan war criminal to Spain or go ahead and prosecute him here.

Jorge Vinicio Orantes Sosa is currently in custody in Calgary and faces extradition back to the United States on immigration charges.

Sosa is also wanted by Guatemalan authorities for allegedly participating in attacks on a village in

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A return to crowded lots

Park and Ride fee was officially eliminated April 1 Around 750 stalls have been reserved around the city



Bridget Honch, the newly eliminated Park and Ride fee has created what she calls a "lose-lose situation."

Honch drives in from High River every morning and said she didn't enjoy paying the \$3 daily but now knows it will be a

struggle to find a parking

you have to arrange to leave your house earlier and even still, you might not get a parking spot," she said.

Martin Thompson said he struggled to find a spot as well, driving to three different stations, despite the fact he paid to reserve a stall at Somerset Station.

"I paid \$70 for April to

have a reserved parking stall and at 6:55 a.m. when I got there, there was no parking," said Thompson, adding he's considering taking his chances in the future rather than paying.

Calgary Transit Theresa spokesperson Schroder said it will take time to work out the

"I think there will be a period of adaptation, but

Organization

- Transit will install better signage today to denote the reserved stalls.
- Calgary Parking Authority will be enforcing illegal parking beginning today.

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Group advocates free rides to polls

Vibrant Communities Calgary is trying to ensure all eligible voters make it to the polling stations for this upcoming election by encouraging the city to provide free transit.

The non-profit organ-

ization has launched a Free Fare Elections campaign asking Canadian cities to support democracy but allowing a free ride on May 2.

The group argues the federal government should shoulder the costs for transit because it would level the playing field for Canadians and ensure a more equal opportunity to

The campaign can be found online at facebook.com/ FreeFareElections.

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Pest found to be attacking tree growing across Can

Researchers at the University of Alberta have found that the mountain pine beetle is no longer just attacking Lodgepole Pine but Jack Pine as well, which could lead to countrywide infestation.

The problem is that if this keeps going Jack Pine distribution goes all the way across the boreal forest ... all the way to the At-Coast," said Catherine Cullingham, U of A molecular ecologist.

Duncan MacDonnell of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development said the problem has become bigger than Alberta.

'It elevates this into a national discussion rather than a conversation in Alberta," he said.

MacDonnell said that methods of controlling the infestation will not be al-

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Texting to avoid tickets

Police caution against using phone while behind wheel of vehicle

Distracted-driving law to be introduced later this year



MADD against service

Calgary's president for Mothers Against Drunk Driving said she's not in favour of the

Uautoknow Traffic Alerts, noting it could impact the usefulness of police check stops.

They're there to get intoxicated people off the road and make it safer for us," Tracy Franklin said in an interview.

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Calgary drivers will soon be able to receive real-time text messages advising of police radar and checkstop locations.

That's because Saskatchewan-based operation is expanding west in hopes of drawing more users.

Regina resident Doug Machan created the service, called Uautoknow Traffic Alerts, after he and some buddies began texting each other when they spotted police.

"It just started as a hobby," he said. "Friends of friends started getting at it and I thought let's see how far this goes.'

Now, roughly 10,000 Saskatchewan residents are involved, sending and receiving information dai-

Recently, Machan said roughly 100 individuals from Calgary and 75 from Edmonton

Uautoknow

- Doug Machan started the text-messaging service two years ago.
- Individuals can find more information on Machan's service by searching "Regina Radar List" or "Saskatoon Radar List" on Facebook.

joined on.

Calgary police Staff Sgt. Doug McIlwraith said he's in favour of anything that helps slow vehicles down, but cautioned about the dangers of using a phone behind the wheel and potentially tipping intoxicated motorists off about check-stop locations.

"It's very random where we set up check stops ... and that's done on purpose," he said.

Machan said he in no way supports operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while using a phone.

"I just supply the information," he said.



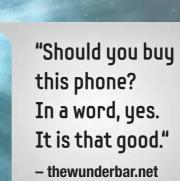


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Barlow closure drives up commute time

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Air Canada employee Sony Singh can see the airport from his place in Saddle Ridge and in the summer he can ride his bike to work in about 15 minutes.

Times have changed since the section of Barlow Trail connecting McKnight Boulevard to the airport permanently closed last weekend to allow for the construction of a new run-

The closure of Barlow Trail has cut off southern access to the airport and commuters now need to use either Deerfoot Trail or 36th Street to gain access.

Singh has commuted to the airport twice since the closure. While 36th Street is his most viable option, after driving it in snowy conditions and seeing a car



bles for shuttle to airport, says Sheraton manager

stuck in the ditch, he is not keen on the route he describes as a shoulder-less rural road.

"It's bad and I can't imagine how it is for people coming from the south," said Singh.

While he said he has heard many fellow employees grumbling be-cause of the closure, Jody Moseley, spokeswoman for the Calgary Airport Authority, said she has received no complaints.

"I would say it's been a really well-publicized closure and I think that people were prepared for the closure," she said.

Moseley also said the Calgary Airport Authority was proactive in contacting Google Maps and other GPS mapping systems to inform them of the closure but many systems have not yet updated the information.

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Public aids in graffiti hunt

EVIDENCE. Calgary police are thanking the public after issuing a request for assistance in tracking down prolific graffiti artists in the city last month. Based on tips from the public, police say they executed two search warrants and expect to take similar action in the months ahead.

Contest for giraffe naming

200. A contest opened today to name the latest addition to the Calgary Zoo, a giraffe born Feb. 16, according to reports. Submissions for the six-foot-tall baby's name can be made online at www.calgaryzoo.com/giraffe and the winner will be selected on April 20. The winner will receive a behind-the-scenes tour with the giraffe. • METRO

New home improvement e-tool

ONLINE. Those looking to make improvements to their homes will now have all the information they need from the city at their fingertips. The city launched a new online eHouse tool to assist Calgarians in finding out specific information related to the project they wish to undertake. The eHouse tool can be found online at www.calgary.ca/ehouse.

Water balls could pose safety risk

 U.S. government issues warning about product → Balls popular at Calgary leisure centres: Spokesperson



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The U.S. government is warning people to stay out of inflatable spheres known as walk on water balls — the very same devices currently available for use at two Calgary leisure centres.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said last week that it "does not know of any safe way to use" the products, which resemble hamster balls but are large enough for humans. The agency is worried about too little oxygen in the balls as well as the buildup of carbon dioxide.

Tracy Luther, marketing adviser for the city leisure centres, said they have had no reported incidents since the balls were introduced at the Village Square and Southland leisure centres in January.

"We have a lot of guidelines around them," Luther said. "You can't be in them for more than 10 minutes and most people don't last that long — it's a real workout."

The balls are also teth-



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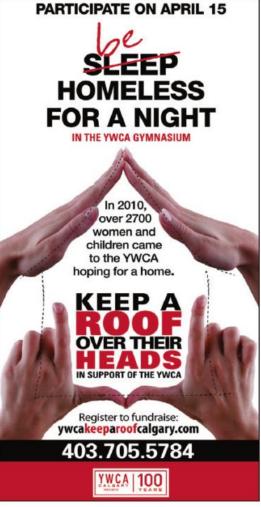
 A spokesperson for Consumers' Association of Canada said the organization is looking into the warning about the water

ered and a system of hand signals is taught to anyone balls.

➤ The Consumer Product Safety Commission said it is aware of two incidents in the U.S. where people were hurt while inside the balls.

using the devices, Luther said.







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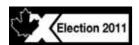
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Abortion, gay marriage not on agenda: Harper

Prime minister tries to clear the air about supposed 'secret' Tory priorities Hot-button issues emerge as Conservatives aim for majority



Stephen Harper says Canadians don't have to worry about a secret agenda if they give him his first majority government.

The prime minister told supporters in the Niagara Falls region yesterday he would not try to pass laws against abortion or samesex marriage if elected with a majority.

Harper was not asked and did not say whether he would support a private member's bill on the issues.

In answer to a question from a reporter, Harper said he would implement promises in his platform if given a majority, stressing those two issues are not a priority with the party.



He would, however, move to abolish the longgun registry, which he said has been a long-standing position of his party.

The Conservatives have long been plagued with the spectre of a secret agenda should they have enough seats in the House of Commons to override opposition checks, an issue that has dogged their campaign in past elections.

Some recent polls show the Conservatives within striking distance of forming a majority. "Abolishing the long-gun registry is a position of the Conservative party held by every single member of the caucus."

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER

Harper is gearing his campaign on picking up the dozen or so seats he needs for a majority.

Yesterday, he was again targeting an opposition incumbent, New Democrat Malcolm Allen of the riding of Welland, Ont.

Allen was among six New Democrats who initially backed a Tory privatemember's bill to kill the registry but then switched his vote.

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Grits promise paid education for veterans

Canadian soldiers can expect four years of government-paid education or technical training after they leave the military under a Liberal government, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday.

He's billing the measure as something that could change the way soldiers are recruited in Canada.

"These are people who put their lives on the line for us and for the freedom of others," Ignatieff said, as he detailed the latest plank in his party's platform.

The program would cost about \$60 million a year.

The Liberal leader said the plan is permanent, call-



"We've got the largest number of veterans returning from combat since the Korean War."

LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

ing it "by far the most ambitious program of support for veterans in a generation or two." THE CANADIAN PRESS

PUBLIC PENSIONS

NDP pitches retirement security plan

The NDP wants to see a big expansion of Canada's public pension system.

New Democrat Leader Jack Layton says the Canada Pension Plan has been long neglected by successive Conservative and Liberal governments.

The retirement security of millions of people has eroded over the last decade and his party intends to set it right, Layton said in Toronto.

He's proposing to gradually double CPP and QPP benefits in conjunction with the provinces, a measure that could require a 2.5 per cent increase in payroll deductions.

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Radioactive water dumped into Pacific

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Workers began pumping contaminated water from Japan's tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant into the Pacific Ocean yesterday, freeing storage space for even more highly radioactive water that has hampered efforts to stabilize the reactors.

It will take about two days to pump most of the less-radioactive water out of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex, where cooling systems were knocked out by the earthquake and tsunami on March 11. Radioactivity is quickly diluted in the ocean, and government officials said the dump should not affect safety of seafood.

Since the disaster, water with different levels of radioactivity has been pooling through the plant. People who live within 20 kilometres have been evacuated.

The pooling water has damaged systems and the radiation hazard has prevented workers from getting close enough to power up cooling systems needed to stabilize dangerously vulnerable fuel rods.

On Saturday, they discovered radioactive water was pouring into the ocean. The less-radioactive water officials are purposely dumping is up to 500 times the legal limit for radiation.

Workers plan to install screens of polyester fabric to try to stop the contamination from spreading. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crime wave grips Egypt

Gunmen kidnapped a grandniece of Anwar Sadat and demanded a ransom. In one southern city, robbers didn't bother to wait until dark to target pedestrians. In another, a between two schoolchildren led to a gun battle that killed five.

A police state just three months ago, Egypt has seen crime rise 200 per cent since Hosni Mubarak's ouster from presidency. Murder, violent theft and kidnapping are leading the surge, security officials said.

In many ways, this country of more than 80 million has become a free-for-all for criminals taking advantage of a weakened police force and political uncertainty.

With police hardly visible in Cairo, masked gunmen in two cars kidnapped a grandniece of Sadat — Egypt's president until he was assassinated in 1981 - while she was driven to school on Sunday morning at the upscale suburb of Heliopolis.

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3 Southwest planes found to have cracks

Three more Southwest Airlines jetliners have small, subsurface cracks that are similar to the ones suspected in the fuselage tear on another of its planes.

Federal aviation officials are considering an order for other airlines to inspect their aircraft.

Since the tear, Southwest grounded 79 aircraft. Checks on the other jets are expected to be completed by late today, the airline said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SPRING BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Canadian firms curb enthusiasm

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about the future, but less so than three months ago. Overall, it shows that the economic recovery is advancing, and more firms are operating near capacity.

But high prices for energy and food are having a negative effect on household spending, and the firms say they expect a more moderate pace of sales growth, investment and hiring over the next 12 months than in the previous year.

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Google eyes Nortel patents, research



○ Deal would propel Google into telecom market **○** Auction in June

Global tech titan Google Inc. wants to scoop up the Nortel Networks patent portfolio, and is willing to pay at least \$900 million US for the package.

Google's stalking-horse offer, for what is practically the last major asset to be sold by the bankrupt Canadian technology giant, will be the opening bid in an auction that could push the final price higher. The deal would provide legal rights to a broad range of telecom technologies.

Kent Walker, counsel for California-based Google, says the company hopes the patents will help it and its partners to innovate.

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Patents pending

- ➤ Nortel was Canada's largest spender on R & D, but some of its work was either a technological dead end or too advanced for the times.
- Google seeks about 6,000 patents including 4G wireless, data networking, optical, voice, Internet, semiconductor and other portfolios.

value of the patents is difficult to judge, however, since it depends on how useful they are in making products that generate revenue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toyota to close U.S. plants

Toyota Motor Corp. will have to shut down North American factories due to a shortage of parts from Japan. However, Toyota Canada's plants in Cambridge and Woodstock, Ont., will remain open, the company said yesterday.

The U.S. shutdowns will likely take place this month, affecting about 25,000 workers. But no layoffs are expected. Just how long the closures would

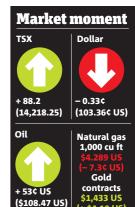
last was not announced.

Toyota gets about 15 per cent of its parts from Japan for cars and trucks built in North America. The company has more than a dozen North American factories

The shortage of parts has affected other automakers as well. Last week, Ford Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. said several plants would close for part of this month, and Chrysler said it will see disruptions.

Meanwhile, Honda Motor Co. plans to restart its Sayama Plant and Suzuka Factory on April 11. When those two plants come back on line, all of Honda's auto-assembly factories will be back in operation, but they'll be running at about half the normal rate because of parts shortages.

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ENGAGING CHARACTERS

There comes a time in your mid to late 20s when you start to realize that all of your friends are getting engaged. Suddenly, all of those long-term couples that seemed perfectly content to cohabitate are putting a ring on it and making it official.

hen announcing upcoming nuptials to friends and family, the newly betrothed can expect a diverse range of reactions. Jubilant shrieks of excitement are not uncommon, as are tactless inquiries about carat size from nosy co-workers. And while there are plenty of books on wedding etiquette, not everyone understands the proper protocol when it comes to engagements. Here are just a few of the not-so-well-mannered characters you might encounter after you announce that you are tying the knot.

The pressure-cooker friend

'So, have you picked a date ... thought about the flowers ... booked a photographer?" This hyperorganized pal will whip up a spreadsheet of wedding related to-dos before you have even finished your first glass of celebratory champagne.

The desperate to be in the wedding party friend

Expect this friend to spend a lot of time reminding you just how close you are — the very ambitious campaigners might even deliver a Why I Deserve To Be Your Maid Of Honour/Best Man speech in an attempt to secure a spot up at the altar. Alternatively, some friends will disappear from your radar entirely in the hopes you don't ask them to don pink taffeta on the big day.

The disapproving friend

Inevitably, some friends will choose the moments following your engagement to let you know how they really feel. Disapproving pals will complain about losing their fun single friend, inquire whether or not you are really ready for this commitment and insinuate that maybe you could do better.

The why couldn't it have been me friend

This Debbie Downer will find any way to turn your happy news into an "it's all about me" situation. After she offers a half-hearted "congratulations" you will find yourself consoling her while she hosts her own pity party and delivers a self-absorbed monologue on her own failed romantic life.

While there are plenty of wrong ways to behave around the bride and groom-to-be there is really only one thing you need to know about post-engagement decorum: Act happy, even if you're not. If you want to be a good friend, send a card, but keep your opinions to yourself.

Ebopekia pilė o bratane av Kagas

Worth mentioning

NICOSIA, Cyprus. A jailed Cypriot murderer ordered his brother to dig up the corpse of the island's former president and hide it so he could negotiate his own release from prison, a court ruled yesterday.

The court found the jailed murderer, his brother and another man guilty of unlawfully exhuming the body of Tassos Papadopoulos.

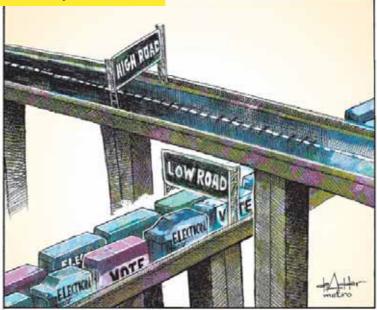
Papadopoulos's corpse was snatched from a Nicosia cemetery during an overnight storm in December 2009 and reburied three months later after police found his body and arrested the suspects.

The case shocked public opinion, and even touched off rumours of political motivation in light of ongoing talks to reunify the island that was split into a Greek Cypriot south and a breakaway Turkish Cypriot north in

Papadopoulos served as president between 2003 and 2008, and died of cancer that year at 74, months after losing a reelection bid to current President Dimitris Christofias.

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WEIRD NEWS

'Sacred' turtle puts up fight in Vietnam

Veterinarians examined a rare giant turtle considered sacred by many Vietnamese at a makeshift hospital in Hanoi yesterday to check mysterious lesions afflicting one of the last four known members of its species.

The giant soft-shell turtle, which has a shell the size of a desk and is estimated to weigh approximately 200 kilograms, was pulled from a lake in the heart of the capital Sunday.

Tests were being run to try to pinpoint what is ailing the creature, said Tim McCormack, program co-ordinator of the Asian Turtle Program. He said photos taken of it in a holding tank showed injuries on its legs and elsewhere, but it was not yet clear how serious they are.

The animal is believed to be about 80 to 100 years old, though many Vietnamese believe it is the same mythical creature said to have helped King Le Loi fend off the Chinese nearly six centuries ago. It took 50 workers two hours Sunday to net the turtle and put it in a cage. It is the first time anyone has captured the creature, which escaped through two nets during a similar rescue attempt last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Which city do you think will get an NHL team?



TODAY'S QUESTION: EAT ST. IS DEBUTING WEDNESDAY ON FOOD NETWORK CANADA. WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE STREET EAT?

Local tweets



► @ktemond: It's turned into a beautiful day in #yyc and I'm

annoyed I don't have my sunglasses for the walk home, #firstworldproblem

- @DannvKidRadio: reserved parking at #yyc ctrain stations ignored by those who didnt reserve? who'da thought? ... i mean, other than EVERYONE.
- @ericmusicbaum: Twitter says I should follow the Edmonton Oilers so that means Twitter is an idiot #yyc #flames
- @CalgaryDriving: Just saw

- Calgary Parking Authority enforcement car turn on red in crisscross intersection in front of Sheraton. Setting the example! #yyc
- @catsfive: Wine bar. And a mechanical bull. THIS is not fusion, folks, Welcome to Alberta. #YYC #CdnPoli
- ► @ABjourno: Still only seen one election sign in #yyc. A lone Rob Anders sign up near Coach Hill. #electionapathy
- ▶ @caitclo: Reports from the world outside my cubicle sav that outside it's "scorching," "too warm for a jacket" and "you could wear shorts." holla #yyc



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Arnold Schwarzenegger says his new animated TV venture The Governator features a "superheroic guy" who gets things done — without constraints like laws to thwart his action.

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Stepping into the shoes of an American legend

Canadian actor John White plays the young John F. Kennedy in The Kennedys mini-series



For Mississauga, Ont., native John White, shooting The Kennedys was as much a homecoming as a learning experience.

"I moved back with the parents during filming," says the Los Angeles-based actor who plays the young John "Jack" Kennedy in the miniseries, which was shot in and around Toronto last year. "On days off, I hung

around set and watched Greg Kinnear (who plays the older JFK) and others. Which is somewhat unusual. Usually on a film it's all about showing up, doing your job, and getting the hell out of the way. But the director (Jon Cassar) encouraged it."

The four-part, eight hour The Kennedys follows the famous family's tragedystrewn personal lives from the 1930s through John F. Kennedy's shortened presidency Besides Kinnear, the behind-the-scenes drama stars Barry Pepper (as Bobby), Katie Holmes (Jackie) and Tom Wilkinson as family patriarch Joe Kennedy Sr.

It was Joe Sr. who first envisioned a presidency for his son; though not the son you'd expect.

"Joe favoured older son Joe Jr.," says White. "But after he was killed in the war, Jack sort of became the favourite son by default. And so he had to take the reigns."

White — who is probably best known as Erik Stiffler from the American Pie movie series — says the Kennedys' familiar Boston-Harvard accent could get a little tricky at times. White says he honed it by watching old presidential speeches.

"You'd go a little too far with it sometimes," he said "But we had a great dialect coach. He'd help tweak the accent and tell you when it just wasn't good." Though the Kennedy story is well-chronicled, White says there are a few things about John F. Kennedy that might shock people.

"I was surprised by how many health problems he had. But he dealt with it with a real wicked sense of humour. I read some of his personal letters, which are real funny. Can't repeat them here though."

Part one of The Kennedys, featuring John White, airs Sunday on History Television.

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TRON's tech magic wows again

TRON: Legacy Genre: Scifi Director: Joseph Kosinski Stars: Jeff Bridges, Bruce Boxleitner

As dumb as the tech-heavy script was, and as primitive as the graphics were (today they look like an animated black light painting), the original was undeniably savvy about the future.

The long-tinkered sequel TRON: Legacy is similarly on the threshold of a new world. Appealing both to nostalgists and futurists, it modestly expands the original story and reunites two key cast members (Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner) while anticipating a near future of film where the aging of actors no longer matters.

In this latter regard, Bridges plays Flynn both



old and young: as a Godlike ancient, ruler of TRON's Grid game world; and as Clu, Flynn's viral and villainous digital alterego, the beneficiary of an electronic Fountain of Youth. Clu, a major reboot from the TRON original, is made from Photoshopping the recreated face of a 30something Bridges onto the body of a younger

The effect is simultane-

ously creepy and aweinspiring and the same can be said of the look of the picture. Add in Avatar-level 3-D and a soundtrack by French techno-ravers Daft Punk, and you have an experience that could blow the minds (and ears) of aging fanboys and nouveau hipsters alike.

Sadly, there is the story to contend with, and it's another reason why TRON: Legacy is almost there, but not quite there. The committee-written script is framed as a ho-hum rescue mission, in which Flynn's 27-year-old son Sam (Garrett Hedlund) zaps himself to the Grid, discovering a world of constant gamer warfare he's obliged to join.

Extras include deleted scenes, an audio commentary and numerous making-of featurettes.

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Little Fockers Genre: Comedy

the cheapest of laughs.
Little Fockers is the
third and demonstrably
worst in the series, and
De Niro's strained antics

reduced to shilling for

are major reason for this. There is being a good sport and there is career suicide, and De Niro is skating perilously close to the edge.

The title refers not only to the inevitable offspring of Ben Stiller's in-law fearing Greg Focker and wife Pam (Teri Polo), but also to a vulgar surname pun that never was funny.

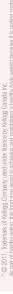
There are far too many extras, especially on the Blu-ray. They include a gag reel, deleted scenes and various featurettes.

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SLATER STARS IN NEW TV COMEDY SERIES

Christian Slater returns to television with Breaking In, a comedy about a company that tests security systems by trying to outsmart them — with varying degrees of success. Metro caught up with Slater and co-star Brett Harrison (Reaper) at WonderCon for a less-than-serious chat about their new qiq.

Your show has an episode that takes place at Comic-Con, right?

HARRISON: Yeah! The Comic-Con episode, we're hired to hand-deliver Goonies 2: the Legend of Sloth to the right people so a select group of nerdlings get to see this movie. And they don't want to have another Wolverine happening.

SLATER: So basically, the studio has got a special contest where a hundred lucky people get to come see this screening. Then what happens is the rest of the fans that don't get to go to this special screening are in an uproar, basically. We have the one copy of the movie and all of these people are coming out of the woodwork doing everything they can and all of these crazy kinds of disguises at Comic-Con.

Have either of you had much Comic-Con or WonderCon experience before?

HARRISON: I haven't been to WonderCon before this, but I've been to Comic-Con once, and it was great. It's like a circus, man. It's a lot of fun.

SLATER: Me? No. This is a good way to start, though, right? I likey. This is good.

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Cowboys, aliens and Barbie, oh my

• At WonderCon, the sci-fi convention, talent from most of this summer's biggest blockbusters reveal their tricks, toys and talents



San Francisco was overrun with superheroes this weekend, as movie stars, filmmakers and thousands of fans — many in elaborate homemade costumes — hit town for WonderCon.

Celebrating its 25th year, the convention is making a name for itself as a less-crazed alternative to July's San Diego Comic-Con, with a lower number of attendees and a more laid-back atmosphere. And with it's early April date, the smaller convention offers a much better opportunity for Hollywood studios to promote their summer fare — though three big comic book movies coming out in the next few months, Captain America, Thor and X-Men: First Class, were notably absent.

Gossip Girl star Blake Lively, who hit the convention to promote Green Lantern, in which she stars opposite Ryan Reynolds, was a bit preoccupied with a new career milestone: "Did you guys see the Barbie?" she asked, pointing to a doll version of her Green



"It's so crazy. I feel like I need to go home and buy a Barbie's magical dream house and play with myself — that doesn't sound right."

BLAKE LIVELY, CO-STAR IN GREEN LANTERN

Lantern character.

For Jon Favreau, the smaller event made him a little nostalgic. It reminded him of his first Comic-Con: "It was close to 10 years ago, if not 10," he says. Favreau was in San Francisco to debut footage of his next film, Cowboys and Aliens, starring Harri-

son Ford and Daniel Craig, out this summer. The enthusiastic crowd responded excitedly to Favreau's presentation, which included a brief glimpse of the film's alien invaders.

Another director riding high during the convention was Tarsem Singh, who unveiled footage

from November's Immortals, starring Henry Cavill recently cast as the next Superman — as a mortal fighting on behalf of Greek gods. But the witty Singh stole the show, donning a homemade "I've been media trained" T-shirt. "The studio's whole thing was, 'We wish you had picked betterknown names," Singh remembers from when he cast Cavill in his film. "When (Superman) happened, they were like, Oh! You picked the right piggy."

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Silver fox learned to love surfing on set

◆ Poor Dennis Quaid: the Hollywood old-timer had to film his latest movie on the beach ◆ But it was worth it for the true tale Soul Surfer



There are worse jobs to have than learning how to surf in Hawaii for a role in a movie, and Dennis Quaid isn't complaining.

In Soul Surfer, Quaid plays the father of Bethany Hamilton, a teenager who lost an arm in a shark attack but went on to become a professional surfer.

Quaid sat down with Metro to talk surfing, working in Hawaii and having the person your playing standing just offscreen.

Had you heard of Bethany's

story before getting the script?

I saw Bethany on the Today show on her book tour about two Christmases ago. There was something about her that just struck me, how inspirational and special she was, at the same time being so normal. I just welled up hearing her story. Then they called me five days later and my agent said, "Do you know who Bethany Hamilton is? They want you to play her dad." So that was a pretty easy yes.

What was your reaction to her story?

It was inspiring, is really

what it was. And Bethany just took this horrific shark attack that happened to her and just made it a bump in the road of her life.

Had you done much surfing before the movie?

None at all. And it's really hard to learn. I had really great teachers and the benefit of time. Once you actually catch a wave and ride it, it's such a great feeling. I gave up golf for surfing for a while, which is a big thing for me. It was like two months that I had for training, all in Hawaii, where the water's warm. Now I surf back here and I

have a wetsuit that has a heating coil in it. Those winter months ... the water's, like, 87 degrees out there and 50-something degrees here. Big diff.

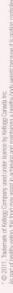
How much time did you spend with the Hamiltons?

They were on the set every day. The boys, Tim and Noah, were actually working on the crew, and Bethany was doing surfing in the film. Tom and I would play golf and surf. It was great for me, especially with Tom. I've played a lot of real people before, but it's nice to have somebody there. It makes my job easier, actually.





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Charlie Sheen show: Disaster Recovery Tour

O Torontonians try to unload tickets D Boos in Detroit, but ovations in Chicago On-stage interview format goes over better with fans

After a disastrous first night in Detroit for his Violent Torpedo of Truth Tour, Charlie Sheen says he stayed up until 4:30 a.m. reworking the show for its second night in Chicago, where he was greeted with a standing ovation instead of boos, according to E! Online. "Got to go with what got you to the dance and give the people what they want," Sheen says.

"On the bus someone said, 'You know, we could just keep driving to LA.' I said, 'F-- that. That's what losers do. I won.'"

Scrapping the video segments and opening acts from the first night, the Chicago show reportedly consisted of Sheen sitting in a chair, smoking and being interviewed by the tour's co-producer.

In Toronto, Canadians hoping to make a profit off Sheen's upcoming tour

dates have, thus far, not been winning.

The volatile star will perform in Toronto on April 14 and 15 and in Vancouver on May 2.

But Craigslist and Stubhub are already crowded with vendors looking to sell tickets at cost or below, and many of the hopeful sellers are reporting tepid interest — at

"It's been a pretty tough go," said 27-year-old Richmond Hill, Ont., resident Jordan Resnick, who has two pairs he's trying to move at face value on

"(I've received) pretty much no messages. I'm hoping to get rid of them at cost so I don't have a loss, but there might be a loss there even.'

Sheen's second show in Chicago seemed to go more smoothly (with a grateful crowd lauding



Sheen with a standing ovation). He changed up the format for his 20-city road show after bombing in Detroit, using a master of ceremonies who asked the former Two and a Half Men star questions during Sunday night's

performance.

The changes seem to Audience have helped. members said the second performance on Sheen's tour wasn't stellar, but it at least had some amusing

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Kiera has new rocker boyfriend Keira Knightley has apparscene — lately she's beently moved on after her split from boyfriend Rupert Friend earlier this

year, as the actress has reportedly been dating Klaxons keyboardist and singer James Righton, according to the Daily Mirror. "She's extremely happy

► Kiera Knightley

right now and really enjoying spending time with James. He's a real rocker and a lovely guy with it and she likes that whole come far more rock and roll," a source says, being quick to add that the pair are keeping things pretty quiet at the moment.

"Keira's really smitten with James but wants to just quietly get on with it and see what happens. She certainly won't be stepping out on a red carpet with James in the near future. It's really early days."

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Celebrity tweets



i am on the most beau-

tiful island i have ever been on and i am having the time of my life i really really miss my dogs!"



'You'd think grocery on sunday night would be quiet n fast!? Forget it, its so busy.

Why sunday? Go home...I hate lines....lol'

"The age your child is when I meet him/her is the age that child will remain to me. So don't be mad when i bring a rattle to HS

graduation."



"Ageism? You tell me. Apparently, I was NOT cast as Will Smith's son

in an upcoming film because I was too old."

Brit wants wedding bells?

Britney Spears is reportedly desperate to tie the knot again after serving as a bridesmaid in her assistant's wedding earlier this year, according to the Sun.

"After all her ups and downs Brit is craving stability - hence her broodiness at the moment and she just wants to settle down with (boyfriend) Jason (Trawick) and do it all again the right way," a source says. "She feels like getting married again and having more children is the next step." OMETRO



Lohan hopes for work

Despite her legal troubles, Lindsay Lohan is reportedly eager to get back to work, and is eyeing a part in Zack Snyder's new "Superman" move, according to Radar Online. A source says she will read for the part on Wednesday. But with shooting set to begin in August, Lohan's availability remains a question. If she is found guilty of grand theft, she would lilely be serving jail time, the source says.

Hurley files for divorce

Elizabeth Hurley is ending her marriage and has filed divorce papers in London, according to Us Weekly. Hurley and Arun Navar split last year after four years together. Hurley, who's been filming scenes for the Wonder Woman TV series, has reportedly been getting serious with Australian cricket star Shane Warne. • METRO

Kwantem deals with true blood

True Blood star Ryan Kwantem rushed to the aid of a bloodied man in Hollywood over the weekend, according to Us Weekly. "There was a bloody guy lying in the middle of the street," says a source, adding Kwantem "jumped out of his car and raced over." Kwantem helped move the man to the sidewalk and stayed until paramedics arrived. • METRO

More pain, more gain

way to a healthy body, says star of Thintervention Jackie Warner gives you tips to get that buff body



Bursts of exercise are best for burning belly blubber.

If you want to fast-track towards a buff body, you're better off doing shorter, higher-intensity exercises than slow, steady-state exercise, according to many studies.

"It's not how long it's how hard," says Jackie Warner, a personal trainer in Hollywood and star of Bravo's new show Thintervention. "Even if you wanted to do 15 minutes a day, do that to muscle failure."

Warner's prescription for a bikini body: Work out five days a week. Here's a taste of what she suggests: Walk fast (up a hill, preferably) for two minutes, then run fast for two minutes and then walk slowly for a minute. Repeat this five-minute cycle three more times to equal 20 total minutes. Then, lift

some weights that use two or three muscle groups. Do six exercise sets with very little rest in between.

"You will definitely get results with this intense style of training," Warner told Metro.

More and more evidence shows this is true. Scientists in Australia recently published results of a review of worldwide studies on high-intensity intermittent exercise (HI-IE). HIIE was found to increase fitness, lower insulin resistance, build muscle and burn belly fat more effectively than lowintensity steady-state exercise

"High-intensity bursts of exercise put stress on your heart to increase oxygenation to the muscle," says Warner. "Building muscle is the quickest way to a healthy body. It is the only thing that speeds up metabolism so a person can burn calories while resting."









Two international research groups have identified a total of five new genes related to late-onset Alzheimer's disease and opened up new areas of research into what causes the progressive brain-destroying condition.

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Is fruit making me fat?

Weight Watchers's new points scheme gives fruit a zero value, making it an all your can eat food.

But some believe that eating too much could expand your waistline.

Fruit is packed with all

sorts of goodness — vitamins, fibre, antioxidants — but the high fructose content can be a problem for people with high cholesterol or diabetes.

"Some fresh fruits including pineapple, mango and banana and dried fruit like figs have a higher calorie content than others such as water melon or berries," says nutritionist and dietician Amanda Ursell.

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Health SOS: Dehvdration decoded

Lee Mullins, health expert at London, U.K.'s Bodyism Clinic, offers up signs of dehydration.

- Urine colour is dark vellow. It should be clear and odourless.
- Back or joint pain. Water hydrates your spine and muscles.
- Dry skin. Flush those toxins out.
- Fatigue. When dehydrated, the body's immune system becomes suppressed, and in come the colds and flu. воругям.coм

Cutting test wait times

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Waiting the typical two to three weeks for the results of a prostate cancer biopsy can be agonizing for men and their families, but at least one Canadian hospital is trying to change that.

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Čentre in Toronto has instituted a rapid results clinic that cuts the wait time for diagnosis for most patients to three days following a prostate biop-

It's not that the hospital has changed the way biopsy samples are scrutinized for tumours — over the last three months, it has merely speeded up the process through more efficient use of its pathology department, which includes three pathologists who specialize in the assessment

orts for prostate biopsy patients



prostate tissue.

"So you get your answer within 72 hours, and not only that but to be able to be seen by a cancer specialist if you're diagnosed with cancer right away, right after the diagnosis, is I think a very efficient and unique process," said Dr. Robert

Nam, a urologic oncologist at Sunnybrook.

Speeding up testing has not altered the accuracy of prostate biopsy results, nor has it affected other pathology tests, he noted.

'With the rapid biopsy clinic, it really improves patients' lives in terms of

their level of anxiety," said Nam, recalling that when patients in the past were told they didn't have cancer after waiting two to three weeks, "the relief on their face was unbelievable.

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Your bag can hurt you

One rarely leaves their house without thee things: keys, a wallet and a hand (or man) bag. But repeated carrying of a heavy bag could negatively affect your gait, and extensive use could lead to ankle, knee, hip and back problems, according to Lee Mullins. Pack light for



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The latest magic tea, true or false

Other than jeopardizing Lindsay Lohan's probation (it contains 0.5 per cent alcohol), Kombucha is an ancient mixture of made by fermenting sweetened black tea with a flat pancake-like culture of yeast and bacteria. High in an-



ti-oxidants, it's touted as a probiotic detox. But Marji McCullough, Strategic Director of Nutritional Epidemiology for the American Cancer Society, warns that there's no scientific proof of health benefits. @ ROMINA McGUINNESS

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Samosas (\$7) were filled with garam masala beef and lightly deep-fried.

Only the elegant presentation prevented me from licking the coriander and tamarind chutneys from the plate.

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slow-braised masala lamb shank, my flatbread sandwich (\$14) was a true thing of beauty. Rolled in soft naan bread, bits of Indian ratatouille gave bursts of flavour along with mint chutney and yogurt.

The side salad featured

a refreshing vinaigrette inspired by chaat, a popular roadside snack.

Rasoi's version of butter chicken (\$19) had a cream curry highlighting what tasted like roasted tomatoes, and then infused with fenugreek and ginger. The portion was satisfying with both basmati rice and naan.

We ended our relaxing lunch with kheer (\$7), a chilled saffron rice pudding, fragrant with crushed rose petals and Alberta fireweed honey.

Cherry Raisin Bread Pudding





Ingredients:

- · 1 egg, beaten
- 2 cups (500 mL) 1 % milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
- 4 cups (1 L) raisin bread (cut into 3/4-inch/2 cm cubes)
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) dried tart cherries
- 1 large, very ripe banana, quartered lengthwise; cut into 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick pieces

Creamy Topping (optional)

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light sour cream
- 4 tsp (20 mL) packed brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) finely grated orange rind
- · Pinch ground cinnamon

Preparation:

- In bowl whisk together egg, milk, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon. Place two-thirds of bread in 8 inch (2 L) square baking dish. Top with cherries, banana slices and remaining bread.
- Pour egg mix evenly over bread mix. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven, uncovered, for 1 hour or until a knife inserted near centre comes out clean. Let cool slightly.
- Creamy Topping:
 Meanwhile stir together sour cream, brown sugar, orange rind and cinnamon. Top pudding and serve.
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Superfood: Pecans

"Eating a handful (30 grams) of pecans a day could improve heart health."

A study carried out by Loma Linda University in the U.S.A. shows that the nut is particularly rich in gamma tocopherol, an antioxidant found in vitamin E that helps reduce inflammation in arteries.

"The idea is to substitute the nuts for the unhealthy fats currently present in your diet such as fatty meat or high fat cheese," explains lead researcher Ella Haddad. "Swapping these foods for pecans will help keep your calorie intake down."

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A gourmet sandwich on the go

A grilled cheese practically defines comfort, all crispy bread and gooey cheese.

And a grilled cheese is the perfect base to add other flavours, whether you fancy a slice of tomato or a little ham or turkey.

This version is similar to a grilled ham and cheese for adults. It pairs salty prosciutto with creamy, earthy blue cheese.

A touch of sweetness from apricot preserves balances the sandwich.

This quick and flavourful lunch would be great served with arugula salad and balsamic vinaigrette.

Preparation:

To assemble the sandwich, spread 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the apricot preserves on each slice of bread.

2 Sprinkle one slice with the blue cheese, then top with prosciutto.

Sprinkle with black pepper and top with the other slice of bread, preserves to the inside. Brush each side with olive oil.

Using a panini press or a skillet, cook the sandwich 3 to 4 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the bread is golden brown. If using a skillet, flip the sandwich after 2 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 2 thick slices country-style sourdough bread
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) apricot preserves
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Great Hill blue cheese, or other creamy raw milk blue cheese
- · 2 slices prosciutto
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil



A SUCCESSFUL PICK UP ATTEMPT

Names: Tracy, 34, and

Hometown: Vancouver

Together since:

Their story:

One extremely-tired Sunday, I (Alan) happened to be at Denny's (where I only go maybe once every three years) with a good friend of mine, Leah.

We were slightly hungover and were cracking jokes left and right, having a great time and laughing loudly.

Over Leah's shoulder, I thought I noticed a pretty girl making eyes at me. I didn't have my contacts in so I asked Leah to see if she really was all that. We



tried to time it so as to not get caught but, of course, we failed.

The instant Leah turned around, the girl looked up and locked eyes with her — busted! After a lengthy discussion, Leah and I agreed on my plan of attack. I went up to the girl's table and was about to

open my mouth when six people walked in front of me. I stood there waiting, trying not to look like a weirdo, then dropped my business card in front of her and said, "Call me."

Leah and I had a laugh about my pick up attempt in the parking lot, but to my surprise, I got a text shortly thereafter with the mystery girl's name, Tracy.

We've been together for over a year now, and children and marriage are on the horizon.

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Are pets a good warm up to having kids?

Angela says ...

If you're thinking about a fish, then absolutely not. But if you're talking about a six-week-old Burmese mountain puppy that requires nearly 24-7 care as it adjusts to your city apartment, you're on the right track. Keep in mind you won't be making nearly as many decisions with pets as crop up with children: Cloth or disposable diapers? Organic soap? Formula versus breast milk? Derek says...

Some people have a

difficult time even remembering to feed their fish. And while some owners like to pamper their pets with "holistic" food made from duck, oatmeal and six types of vegetables, it's just not the same as raising a child. Can you answer these questions: Who is going to walk the dog before and after work every day/night (rain or shine)? Who will clean up after the first nasty accident on the couch? Who will take the dog to the vet regularly? If you can't answer those questions, perhaps you should avoid having a pet ... or a child!

Guide to surviving a breakup

▶ Breaking up is always hard to do, but don't ever get a feeling of hopelessness ▶ It is possible to move on

Breakups don't get any easier with age or experi-

Every time you invest your time, money, hopes, and dreams in a relationship, you are bound to get hurt if it comes to an end. But instead of holing yourself up and vowing to never try again, consider these suggestions to get back on your feet.

Talk it out

Your friends want to be there for you, so don't be afraid to reach out and vent your sadness, fears, and frustrations. A good friend will listen and avoid making you feel worse by saying something along the lines of "I-told-you-so."

Don't be drastic

Instant reactions to breakups can be very regrettable and make you feel much worse later on. This may include calling your ex to beg for a second



chance, getting a dramatic haircut, jumping into another relationship before you're ready, or all of the

Mourn and reflect

You can learn valuable lessons from every failed relationship. Use this time to journal, shed tears, and de-

cide what you will do differently next time. Seek advice from family and friends if you think it will be beneficial.

Help someone else

Taking the focus off yourself to help someone else in need will help you to put things in perspective. Consider sponsoring a child in need with an organization like Christian Children's Fund of Canada (ccfcanada.ca). You can use your pain to empathize with someone who is suffering and make a difference in their community.

Get busy

Spend time with friends and family, take up a new hobby, and participate in your passions. Eventually, your ex will disappear from the top of your mind and you'll be too busy to notice.

Being single is a valuable time of self-discovery and reflection. Decide what your priorities in life are and how you will work to achieve your goals. Know that time will heal the hurt and — whether you decide to stay single or to get involved in a new relationship — be strong and don't be afraid to take risks. News CANADA

Don't forget your folks

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Helping or supporting an elderly parent is an increasing fact of life, and can be a

financial burden. Here are three tax saving tips from H & R Block to help. First off, you need to make sure your parents' taxes are filed even if nothing is payable. This is particularly important if

Family matters:

 One-in-three Canadians age 45 to 60 are caregivers to aging family members.
 44 per cent of those surveyed support children as well as an elderly relathe parent or parents are receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). Like other government programs it depends on an upto-date tax return.

Caregiver credit

If you are providing support you may be able to claim this amount. Your parent or parents must be 65 or over, have an income of \$18,645 or less and be living with you. You can also claim parents under the age of 65 if they are dependent on you because of an infirmity or disability.

Unfortunately, no matter how much support you provide, they have to be living with you in order to claim the caregiver credit.

There is a federal amount of \$4,223 for each dependent which will cut your taxes by \$635. There are also provincial caregiver amounts that will add to your savings.



Disability Tax Credit

I have written about this in the past, encouraging adult children to apply for the DTC if a parent qualifies for it. Many don't realize that if the parent's income is low, the DTC can be transferred.

However, in order to do this you need to establish that your parent depends on you for some or all of the basic necessities of life. This can be a huge benefit to the struggling sandwich generation.

Nursing home expenses

If you pay for your parents' nursing home fees, you may be able to claim them as a medical expense. But you will have to make a choice between these expenses and the disability tax credit, because you can't have both.

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ooking up with someone permanently means working through financial logistics. Before joining households, talk about whether to merge finances. Should you join accounts? Generally, if couples act as a team, either strategy will work.

The benefits of combining accounts, loans and assets are: fewer accounts to monitor, easy sharing, transparency (helps with budgeting, taxes and communication), and reduced banking fees. But, sometimes when couples pool money, it creates the perception they're flush with cash, which triggers overspending. Couples can

also disagree on spending habits which can translate into nasty money fights. Plus, if the relationship ends, one partner could take off with the financial resources (this would be settled later on in court).

Who's going to pay the bills? Legally, the person whose name is on a bill is responsible for paying it. If the bills don't get paid, lenders will harass you at home and work, and eventually report you to credit bureaus. List the bills in the name of the person who will ensure they get paid in full and on time. If you're name isn't on a bill, you don't build credit (even if you're a coapplicant on a credit card).

Prepping your pad

▶ Easter weekend — April 22 through 25 — is a busy time for home sales ◆ Start getting your place ready

"Statistically, more sales take place on this weekend than at any other time of the year," says Phil Soper, president and chief executive, Royal LePage Canada.

"Home buyers and sellers want to be settled in their new homes by end of summer to coincide with the start of the school year. That accounts for much of the action on Easter weekend," Soper adds.

If you're selling your home

- Take time to clear away winter's refuse outside your home, sweeping front steps, raking up leaves and picking up litter that may be left behind from earlier snow banks.
- Consider using the services of a professional home stager — well worth the investment of within the several hundred dollar range.
- Be willing to accept an invitation to celebrate the holidays at someone else's home. Cooking odours,



left to others at this time.

- Feel free to go away for the weekend, but don't be out of reach. Your real estate agent could be calling with some good news.
- Take the first offer seriously it's often the best.
 It's tempting to see what else comes along, but remember, buyers are usually as motivated as sellers on this weekend.

If you're buying a home

 Hire an agent. They often have the inside track and often know of listings that

- are coming up and not yet on the market.
- Clear your calendar for Easter weekend and make yourself available to visit homes.
- Before you head out to visit homes, review your priorities and make a list, itemizing the features you want most in your future home.
- Take detailed notes, comparing features and location to your priorities.
- Be ready to make an offer

 other buyers are surely standing by.

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Quoted



"This one has been the toughest, not necessarily physically but for sure mentally. It was so serious I was worried I wouldn't be able to function properly."

VANCOUVER CANUCKS DEFENCEMAN SAMI SALO ON RUPTURING HIS ACHILLES TENDON LAST SUMMER. THE 36-YEAR-OLD MISSED THE FIRST 52 GAMES OF THE SEASON.



as top dogs after low-scoring final Kemba Walker scored 16 points and Connecticut beat Butler 53-41 last night to give Jim Calhoun his third national championship, something only four other coaches have done.

The Huskies did it with defence holding the Bulldogs to a Final Four record-low 18.8 shooting percentage (12 for 64). Connecticut capped one of college basketball's best post-season runs, winning six games in the NCAA tournament after winning five games in as many days to win the Big East title.

The final push

Twenty NHL teams still have playoff hopes with one week left to play



A win isn't necessarily worth what it used to be in the NHL.

As the push for the playoffs hits high gear in the final week of the regular season, the league's new tiebreaker rule will help determine what the firstround matchups look like.

General managers decided a year ago to alter the tiebreaking format and have the first criteria become the greatest number of wins in regulation and overtime (excluding the shootout) - rather than simply the total number of wins. It's reflected in the standings on the NHL's

Western race

- 4. L.A. Kings, 96 points. Hanging tough without top scorers Anze Kopitar and Justin Williams, the Kings appear poised to earn a second straight playoff berth.
- 5. Phoenix, 96 points. The Coyotes are sitting pretty even though they don't have one 20-goal scorer in the lineup (Shane Doan leads with 19 goals).

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gory.
"My feeling is that if you win in 60 minutes or you win in the five minutes of

- ▶ 6. Nashville, 95 points. The Preds have vaulted themselves into playoff position with a 7-1-1 run.
- 7. Anaheim, 93 points. Buoyed by Corey Perry's scoring streak, the Ducks control their own playoff fate after missing last year.
- 8. Chicago, 92 points. The Blackhawks have gone 5-5-2 over their last 12 games and are in danger of missing a chance to defend

overtime, it has a little more impact and means a little more than if you win a shootout," said Detroit Red Wings GM Ken Hol-

- their Stanley Cup.
- 9. Calgary, 91 points. The scenario is straightforward for the Flames — win the last two games and hope for some help. Onegoal losses in March might prove costly.
- 10. Dallas, 89 points. With four games left on the schedule, they can make things interesting by winning them all.

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land, a driving force behind the change. "It certainly appears, as you look at the standings, they're so close in the West and the East ...

it certainly could (come in to play).

"If my team wins more in regulation and overtime than your team does, I think that we should get the tiebreaker."

The second tiebreaking criteria is the greater number of points earned in games between the tied teams while the third is goal differential.

With a total of just 49 games to be played in the NHL regular season, there were still 20 teams with a mathematical chance of earning a trip to the post-

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GΑ	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strl	
dx-Washington	79	46	22	5	6	216	192	103	24-8-2-6	22-14-3-0	7-2-0-1	W2	
dx-Philadelphia	79	46	22	4	7	247	210	103	21-12-2-5	25-10-2-2	3-3-0-4	L3	
y-Boston	79	44	24	5	6	238	189	99	20-13-3-3	24-11-2-3	5-3-1-1	L1	
x-Pittsburgh	79	46	25	5	3	225	192	100	24-14-2-0	22-11-3-3	7-3-0-0	W1	
x-Tampa Bay	79	44	24	5	6	235	232	99	24-11-1-4	20-13-4-2	6-2-1-1	WS	
Montreal	79	42	30	4	3	208	204	91	23-11-3-3	19-19-1-0	4-6-0-0	W1	
NY Rangers	80	43	32	2	3	228	193	91	19-16-1-3	24-16-1-0	7-2-0-1	W2	
Buffalo	79	40	29	9	1	232	220	90	19-16-3-1	21-13-6-0	6-2-2-0	W1	
Carolina	79	38	30	6	5	225	232	87	21-13-3-2	17-17-3-3	7-2-1-0	L1	
Toronto	79	37	32	5	5	213	240	84	18-14-3-4	19-18-2-1	7-3-0-0	W3	
Atlanta	78	33	33	5	7	214	252	78	17-15-2-5	16-18-3-2	5-5-0-0	L1	
New Jersey	78	36	37	3	2	163	196	77	20-16-2-1	16-21-0-2	4-5-0-1	L1	
NY Islanders	79	30	37	7	5	220	250	72	17-18-1-4	13-19-6-1	3-5-2-0	L1	
Ottawa	79	30	39	5	5	183	243	70	14-20-2-3	16-19-3-2	5-4-0-1	L1	
Florida	79	29	38	5	7	190	220	70	15-17-4-4	14-21-2-2	1-6-0-3	L8	

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y-Detroit	79	46	23	6	4	255	231	102	21-13-4-2	25-10-2-2	5-3-2-0	W2
dx-San Jose	78	46	23	4	5	234	201	101	23-11-2-3	23-12-2-2	7-1-0-2	W3
Los Angeles	78	45	27	4	2	213	185	96	24-12-3-0	21-15-1-2	7-2-1-0	W1
Phoenix	79	42	25	7	5	224	217	96	20-13-4-3	22-12-3-2	7-2-0-1	L1
Nashville	79	42	26	7	4	209	188	95	22-9-5-3	20-17-2-1	7-2-1-0	L1
Anaheim	79	44	30	3	2	228	231	93	24-13-1-1	20-17-2-1	7-3-0-0	L2
Chicago	78	42	28	3	5	246	214	92	23-16-0-0	19-12-4-4	5-4-1-0	L1
Calgary	80	40	29	4	7	242	233	91	22-13-1-3	18-16-3-4	4-4-1-1	W2
Dallas	78	39	28	4	7	214	224	89	20-11-3-5	19-17-1-2	2-5-2-1	W1
Minnesota	79	37	34	3	5	198	224	82	18-17-2-3	19-17-1-2	2-7-1-0	L2
St. Louis	79	36	33	4	6	232	229	82	21-13-1-4	15-20-3-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Columbus	79	34	32	5	8	210	246	81	17-18-1-4	17-14-4-4	2-5-2-1	L3
Colorado	78	29	41	7	1	218	275	66	15-20-4-0	14-21-3-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Edmonton	78	24	43	2	9	186	256	59	12-21-1-5	12-22-2-3	1-6-1-2	W1

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division title; d — division leaders; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns. Chicago at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Columbus at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Vancouver at Edmonton, 9 p.m

N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.

Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.

St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Boston 19 4 7 N.Y. Rangers 5 9 12 **Goal** — Boston: Thomas (L,33-11-9); N.Y.

Rangers: Lundqvist (W,35-26-5).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 0-1;
N.Y. Rangers: 0-4.

Referees — Stephen Walkom, Dennis LaRue

Linesmen — Thor Nelson, Mark Wheler. Att. — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

FLAMES 2, AVALANCHE 1

First Period - No Scoring

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Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Last night's results N.Y. Rangers 5 Boston 3 Los Angeles at San Jose Sunday's results Calgary 2 Colorado 1

Buffalo 2 Carolina 1 (OT) Dallas 4 Anaheim 3 Detroit 4 Minnesota 2 St. Louis 6 Columbus 1 N.Y. Rangers 3 Philadelphia 2 (SO) Tampa Bay 2 Chicago 0

Tonight's games Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m

RANGERS 5, BRUINS 3

First Period

1. Boston, Paille 5 (Boychuk, Ryder) 15:16 2. Boston, Horton 25 (Krejci, Lucic) 16:53 Penalties — Staal NYR (slashing) 5:55, Bergeron Bos (tripping) 10:15. Second Period

3. Boston, Kelly 13 (Kaberle, Seidenberg) 10:32 4. N.Y. Rangers, Prospal 7 (Wolski, Staal)

5. N.Y. Rangers, Prospal 8 (Wolski, Stenan)

Penalties — Krejci Bos (hooking) 5:02, Krejci Bos (slashing) 12:28.

Third Period
6. N.Y. Rangers, Dubinsky 24 (Callahan, Anisimov) 16:12

7. N.Y. Rangers, Sauer 3 (Gaborik, Boyle) 17:03 8. N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 21 (Fedotenko, Sauer) 19:07 (en)

Penalty - Seidenberg Bos (tripping) 0:53.

3. Colorado, Hejduk 21 (Liles, Olver) 15:00 Penalties - None Shots

Calgary Colorado 11 12 13 Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (W.36-24-6); Colorado: Budaj (L,14-19-4).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Calgary: 0-1:

Referees — Brad Watson, Dan O'Halloran. Linesmen — Jonny Murray, Pierre Racicot. Att. — 13,896 (18,007) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

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Stamkos, TB	44	45	89
Iginla, Cal	39	42	81
Ovechkin, Wash	30	51	81
Zetterberg, Det	24	56	80
Selanne, Ana	28	48	76
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Eighth Draw
U.S. us. Canada; South Korea vs. Czech Republic, Switzerland vs. Denmark; France vs.
Norway.

Sunday Results

Korea.

Draw 11, 9:30 p.m.

Germany vs. South Korea; Sweden vs. Denmark; France vs. China; Canada vs. Scotland.

Sunday Results
Third Draw
Czech Republic 7 Norway 5 (extra end)
Switzerland 6 U.S. 4
Fourth Draw
Canada 7 Germany 4
China 7 Denmark 6
Scotland 9 South Korea 6
Sweden 7 France 6
Fifth Draw
Czech Republic 8 China 5
Germany 9 Norway 8

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Penalties — Backlund Cal (slashing) 2:13, Bouwmeester Cal (holding) 7:43, Duchene Col (slashing) 14:51.

Third Period

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2. Calgary, Tanguay 21 (Iginla) 8:13

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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New York	3	1 .750	1
Toronto	2	1 .667	11/
Boston	0	3 .000	31/
Tampa Bay	0	3 .000	31/
CENTRAL DIVISION			
	W	L Pct	GE
Kansas City	3	1 .750	-
Chicago	2	1 .667	1/
Cleveland	1	2 .333	11/
Detroit	1	3 .250	2

Minnesota	1	3 .250	
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Vesterday's results
Baltimore 5 Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 4 Minnesota 3
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Boston (Beckett 0-0) at Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0), 7:305 p.m.
Minnesota (Duensing 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees

(Sabathia 0-0), 7:05 p.m. Oakland (Braden 0-0) at Toronto (J.Reyes 0-

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Florida	1	2 .333	2
Washington	1	2 .333	2
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Cincinnati	3	0 1.000	_
Pittsburgh	3	1 .750	1/2
Chicago	2		11/2
St. Louis	1	3 .250	21/2
Houston	0	3 .000	3
Milwaukee	0	4 .000	31/2
WEST DIVISION			
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Los Angeles	3	1 .750	_
San Diego	2	1 .667	1/2
Colorado	1	1 .500	1

Arizona San Francisco	
Yesterday's results Atlanta 2 Milwaukee 1 Chicago Cubs 4 Arizona 1	

Chicago Cubs 4 Arizona 1
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Tuesday Games
Arizona (Enright 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Cashner 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Bugarner 0-0) at San Diego
(Harang 0-0), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (C.Young 0-0) at Philadelphia
(Hamels 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Happ 0-0) at Cincinnati (Leake 0-0), 7:10 n.m.

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Houston (Happ) 0-0) at Cindinnad (Leake 0-0), 7-10 p.m. (Marquis 0-0) at Florida (A.Sanchez 0-0), 7-10 p.m. Atlanta (D.Lowe 1-0) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0), 8:10 p.m. Pittsburgoth, W.Comald 0-0) at St. Louis (Mc-Cellan 0-0), 8:15 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Mc-Shaw 1-0) at Colorado (Chaetin 0-0), 8:40 p.m.

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x-Rochester	12	7	5	.583	125	125	2
Boston	14	6	8	.429	141	139	4
Philadelphia	13	5	8	.385	121	149	41/2
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x-Washington	14	7	7	.500	177	165	3
x-Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	149	147	31/2
Edmonton	14	4	10	.286	151	177	6
Colorado	12		9	.250	106	133	6
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WEEK 14
Friday's games
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Buffalo at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Rochester at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.

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Chicago	2	1	0	1	4	3	4
Kansas City	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
Toronto	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Columbus	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
D.C. United	3	1	2	0	5	7	3
Houston	3	0	1	2	2	3	2
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:	Vancouver	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
:	San Jose	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
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:	Dallas	3	0	2	1	1	5	1
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:	Colorado 4 D.C. Uni	ted	1					
:	Tomorrow's game							
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ENGLAND

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's result Queens Park Rangers 3 Sheffield United 0

SPAIN LA LIGA

Barcelona	30	26	3	1	82	15	81
Real Madrid	30	23	4	3	69	22	73
Valencia	30	17	6	7	46	35	57
Villarreal	30	16	6	8	48	31	54
Athletic Bilbao	30	14	3	13	47	42	45
Sevilla	30	13	6	11	46	44	45
Espanyol	30	14	1	15	38	43	43
Atletico Madrid	30	12	6	12	45	41	42
Mallorca	30	11	5	14	31	40	38
Racing Santander	30	9	9	12	30	44	36
Osasuna	30	9	8	13	36	36	35
Levante	30	11	5	14	33	40	35
Sporting Gijon	30	8	11	11	28	35	35
Real Sociedad	30	11	2	17	40	51	35
Getafe	30	9	7	14	41	49	34
Deportivo La Corun	ia30	8	10	12	25	40	34
Zaragoza	30	7	9	14	29	43	30
Hercules	30	8	5	17	28	48	29
Malaga	30	8	5	17	39	62	29
Almeria	30	5	11	14	31	51	26

Yesterday's result Almeria 1 Athletic Bilbao 3

GP W D L GF GA Pts

NBA

EASTERN CO	NFERE	NC	E	
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	56	20	.737	_
y-Miami	54	23	.701	21/2
y-Boston	53	23	.697	3
x-Orlando	48	29	.623	81/2
x-Atlanta	44	33	.571	121/2
x-Philadelphia	40	37	.519	16 ¹ / ₂
x-New York	38	38	.500	18
Indiana	35	43	.449	22
Charlotte	32	44	.421	24
Milwaukee	31	45	.408	25
Detroit	26	50	.342	30
New Jersey	23	53	.303	33
Toronto	21	55	.276	35
Washington	20	56	.263	36
Cleveland	15	61	.197	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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	W	L	Pct	GB						
x-San Antonio	58	19	.753	_						
y-L.A. Lakers	55	21	.724	21/2						
x-Dallas	53	24	.688	5						
x-Oklahoma City	50	26	.658	71/2						
x-Denver	47	29	.618	101/2						
Portland	45	32	.584	13						
New Orleans	44	33	.571	14						
Memphis	44	33	.571	14						
Houston	41	36	.532	17						
Phoenix	37	39	.487	201/2						
Utah	36	41	.468	22						
Golden State	33	44	.429	25						
L.A. Clippers	30	47	.390	28						
Sacramento	22	54	.289	351/2						
Minnesota	17	60	.221	41						
d - division leader; x -	– clir	rched p	layoff	berth						

v — clinched division.

y — clinched division.

Sunday's results.

San Antonio 114 Phoenix 97
Denver 95 L.A. Lakers 90
Sacramento 106 Utah 97
Boston 101 Detroit 90
Washington 97 Charlotte 91
Miami 108 New Jersey 94
New York 125 Cleveland 107
Toronto 102 Orlando 98
Hew Orleans 108 Indiana 96
Fortland 104 Dallas 168
Fortland 104 Dallas 168
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Fortland 1

TENNIS

WTA FAMILY CIRCLE CUP

At Charleston, S.C.
Top seeds and Canadians
Yesterday's results
Singles – First Round
Peng Shuai (11), China, def. Sloane Stephens,
U.S., 6-2, 6-1.
Julie Goerges (12), Germany, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 7-5, 6-4.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Patty
Schnyder (13), Switzerland, 6-4, 6-4,
Bethanie Mattek-Sands (14), U.S., def.
Alexandra Stevenson, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.
Vania King, U.S., def. Vera Dushevina (16),
Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (7).
Also

Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Rebecca Marino, Vancouver, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-3.

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FINAL FOUR

At Houston NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Last night's result Connecticut 53 Butler 41

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Crossword

Across	1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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5 Awful	12	1	1	1		13				14	1		1
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tion					-			_	\vdash	-			
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22 Card player's call 23 Reek	00										02		1
26 Turn over a new leaf	33	1	1	34	35				36	37			
30 Charged bit					_					_			
31 See 54-Across				38				39					
32 Pair 33 Fix the locks?	40	41	42	_	+		43		+	+	44	45	46
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38 U.K. reference bk.	47	1	+	+	+	48		1		49	1	1	\mathbf{T}
39 Namely (Abbr.)	52%												
40 Plant swelling 43 Put back the way it	50					51				52			
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47 Check	53	1	1	1		54		1		55	1		1

8 Mom or dad 9 Others (Lat.)

10 Denomination 11 Brother of Cain and Abel

17 Anything but that

19 Request 22 Obtain

23 Round Table address

24 Pirouette pivot 25 The chosen 26 Regret

27 Billboards 28 Trench

29 "— Story 3" 6 Pulitzer winner James 7 Two, in Tijuana 31 Antiquated

49 Always

plement

Down

50 Choral voice

51 Wildebeest

52 Supermarket stack

54 With 31-Across, sup-

1 Astigmatism problem

53 Thailand, once

55 Coin aperture

2 React to yeast

3 War god

4 Plaid fabric

5 Ice mounds

34 War dance percus

35 2001, e.g. 36 Owned by that guy 37 Montezuma's peo-

39 Where the action is 40 Historic periods

41 Sandwich shop 42 "Cómo — usted?" 43 Skaters' 39-Down

44 Elliptical 45 Nevada city 46 Formerly, formerly 48 Candle count

➤ Yesterday's answer

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Α	N	T	1		M	1	D		Α	R	Α	В
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E	P	1	C		D	E	M	1	J	0	Н	N
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Sudoku

3					9	8	5	
	8			7		1	4	
1			8					7
				4			6	1
		8				9		
9	6			3				
8					6			2
	9	3		2			1	
	2	5	7					9

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Eric I can not believe that we meet 3 years ago and that we are going be married in 5 months. I love you so much and can not wait to spend the rest of my life with you. We built our relationship so strong no one can tear it down. I love you monkey your always and forever martina

A look at the weather

TODAY Min -4° **△** Max 6°

WEDNESDAY Min -4° Max 4°

THURSDAY Min -6° Max 5°

8 4 3

7 3 2

Andrew Schultz. Meteorologist

7 2 4 3 1 8

9 6 1 2 5 7

8 5 6 9 2 4

6 9 8 5 4 1

5 2 4 3 1 9 7 8 6

2 4 7

4 9 8 1 3 5 6 7 2

1 6 5 4 7 2 8 9 3

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Today's horoscope

↑ Aries March 21-April 20

Some things happen without any apparent rhyme or reason and you need to accept that.

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 You have serious responsibilities to take care of and there can be no more excuses.

II Gemini May 22-June 21 You will be inspired to reach out to other people.

Gancer June 22-July 22 Someone in a position of authority will smile on you today. Leo July 23-Aug.23 You can

umph.

W Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 This should be a lucky day for you but to what extent depends on your willingness to make sacrifices for the wider good **△ Libra sept. 23-0ct. 23** The

still turn a lost cause into a tri-

more challenging a situation is the more it can help you grow. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't waste your precious time arguing with people who to your way of thinking are foolish in the extreme.

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₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Choose your goals carefully today. Make them special.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Steer clear of other people's fights and feuds.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Someone you have to deal with today will be all over the place, both mentally and emotionally. H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 .

Reach out to the world over the next 24 hours. Remind people you're still alive and kicking. SALLY BROMPTON





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